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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. TUESDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED BUDGET, INCLUDING INCREASE FOR DEFENSE. WEDNESDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE SALT TO RESUME FEBRUARY 19; SOME FRONTPAGE KISSINGER TO VISIT MOSCOW IN MARCH; WASHPOST FRONTPAGES SCHLESINGER HINTS RE-NEWED ARMS RACE. SCATTERED COMMENT.

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1A. SOME TUESDAY PAPERS INSIDE HAD US BONN RESUME TROOP TALKS; ALSO WASHINGTON STORY, AIR DEFENSE MISSILES AND FIGHTERS TO BE CUT BACK; NYTIMES HAD MOSCOW CRITICIZES US PROPOSAL FOR SMALL NATO NUCLEAR ARMS. FRIDAY PAPERS INSIDE REPORT US RUSSIA AGREE ON DEFERRED WHEAT DELIVERY; SOVIET TRAWLER SEIZED INSIDE ALASKAN WATERS; PROXMIRE URGES MISSILE CUTS.

2. SALT. BALTSUN KEAT REPORTS KISSINGER WILL VISIT MOSCOW AFTER RESUMPTION OF SALT TALKS, CITING UNUSUAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER GROMYKO'S WASHINGTON VISIT, KEAT ADD-

ING KISSINGER WILL VISIT MOSCOW IN CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENT NIXON'S LATE SPRING OR EARLY SUMMER VISIT THERE AND NIXON IS EXPECTED THEN TO SIGN A SECOND NUCLEAR ARMS AGREEMENT WHICH THEREFORE MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE HE CAN MAKE THE TRIP. ACCORDING KEAT, KISSINGER MADE IT CLEAR SAME PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOLLOWED AS IN 1972, THE KEY DISCUSSIONS BEING CONDUCTED BY KISSINGER WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW AND LEAVING DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT AT SALT TALKS. KEAT SAYS SALT RESUMPTION WASN'T MENTIONED IN COMMUNIQUE BUT WAS DISCLOSED BY KISSINGER TO A QUESTIONING NEWSMAN AS HE LEFT SOVIET EMBASSY FOLLOWING HIS FOURTH MEETING WITH GROMYKO IN TWO DAYS.

2A. NYTIMES GELB WASHINGTON REPORTS RESUMPTION AND ADDS THAT NIXON ADMINISTRATION REPORTEDLY REMAINED FAR FROM RESOLVING ITS DIFFERENCES ON A NEW AMERICAN NEGOTIATING POSITION AND SOME OFFICIALS ANTICIPATE A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN KISSINGER AND JOINT CHIEFS. GELB CITES OFFICIALS SAYING US WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP NEW STRATEGIC ARMS AND DEPLOY ESTABLISHED ONES AS BARGAINING CHIPS IN TRYING TO BRING ABOUT MUTUAL REDUCTIONS AND LIMITATIONS IN FORCES. ACCORDING GELB, SENIOR OFFICIALS STILL FIND THEMSELVES FAR APART FOR SEVERAL REASONS, INCLUDING KISSINGER'S ABSENCE IN MIDEAST, THE UNCOMPROMISING STANCE OF THE MILITARY AND CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE NEGOTIATING DELEGATIONS, AND THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES, GELB ADDING THAT MILITARY ARE ARGUING AGAINST ANY CONTROLS ON MIRVS AND FOR INCREASING LAND-BASED MISSILES FROM 1054 TO EQUAL RUSSIA'S UNCLASSIFIED

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1410. ACCORDING GELB, SOME OFFICIALS SEE KISSINGER FAVORING CONTROLS ON MULTIPLE WARHEADS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MUTUAL OVERALL REDUCTIONS IN MISSILES AND BOMBERS AND IN MISSILE PAYLOAD, BUT SCHLESINGER IS REPORTEDLY SKEPTICAL ABOUT BEING ABLE TO VERIFY CONTROLS ON MIRVS AND WANTS REDUCTIONS IN NUMBERS OF SOVIET LAND-BASED MISSILES AND MISSILE PAYLOAD. GELB SAYS SPLIT IN ADMINISTRATION IS SO WIDE PRESIDENT MADE AN APPEARANCE AT WHAT KISSINGER CALLS

A NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL-TYPE MEETING TWO WEEKS AGO TO LECTURE ON THE FUTILITY OF THE ARMS RACE AND ON THE NEED TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH MOSCOW IN 1974, WITHOUT HIMSELF TAKING ANY POSITION ON THE ISSUES. GELB SAYS THERE WILL BE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE RESUMED IN GENEVA.

3. SCHLESINGER. WASHPOST GETTLER REPORTS SCHLESINGER OPENED DEFENSE OF RECORD 85.8 BILLION MILITARY SPENDING REQUEST BEFORE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE BY LAYING PROSPECT OF ANOTHER ROUND IN NUCLEAR ARMS RACE SQUARELY AT FEET OF RUSSIANS. SCHLESINGER SAID IT WILL BE THE PACE

SET BY THE SOVIET UNION THAT DETERMINES SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF US NUCLEAR ARSENAL, AND FOR FIRST TIME INDICATED US WILL BUILD FAR MORE TRIDENT SUBMARINES THAN 10 CURRENTLY PLANNED IF SOVIETS FAIL TO SHOW RESTRAINT. ACCORDING TO GETTLER, SCHLESINGER IN EFFECT SAID BOTH SUPERPOWERS WERE ON BRINK OF ANOTHER UPWARD SPIRAL IN ARMS RACE THAT COULD BE AVOIDED ONLY IF RUSSIANS AGREE TO REDUCE THEIR MISSILE CAPABILITIES RATHER THAN CONTINUE TO BUILD THEM UP, AND ALSO IMPLIED IMPORTANT SHIFT WITHIN ADMINISTRATION ABOUT US OBJECTIVES AT SALT. SCHLESINGER HOPED IN NEXT ROUND OF SALT FOR MUTUAL REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC FORCES THAT WOULD ALSO FILL ADMINISTRATION'S DEMAND FOR ESSENTIAL EQUIVALENCE BETWEEN OPPOSING FORCES. WITHOUT THAT EQUIVALENCE, HE SAID US WOULD BE FORCED TO REACH BALANCE BY INCREASING ITS ARMAMENT LEVEL RATHER THAN LOWERING IT.

3A. NYTIMES FINNEY ADDS SENATORS IMPRESSED BY SCHLESINGER PRESENTATION FOR ITS LACK OF RECITAL OF SOVIET THREATS THAT HAS COME TO BE EXPECTED OF DEFENSE SECRETARIES AND FOR SCHLESINGER'S ATTEMPT TO PLACE DEFENSE BUDGET IN PERSPECTIVE OF GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITIES. FROM INITIAL REACTION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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STENNIS AND MCCLELLAN IT APPEARED SCHLESINGER WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN DEFENDING BUDGET AGAINST ANY SERIOUS CUTS BY CONGRESS, SAYS FINNEY.

3B. WASHPOST HAS UPI REPORTING PROXMIER PROPOSED US AND SOVIET UNION BEGIN SYSTEMATIC CUTBACK OF LAND-BASED STRATEGIC MISSILES WITH AIM OF STABILIZING NUCLEAR DETERRENCE, WITH EACH SIDE ANNUALLY REDUCING ITS MISSILE FORCE BY A SET PERCENTAGE OVER SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD WHEN EACH SUPERPOWER WOULD HAVE 505 MISSILES LEFT.

3C. TUESDAY LATIMES HAD WASHINGTON AP HEADED, MANSFIELD HOPES FOR BIG DEFENSE CUTS, AP QUOTING MANSFIELD AS HOPING CONGRESS WOULD CUT FIVE TO TEN BILLIONS AT THE VERY LEAST FROM NIXON'S 85.8 BILLION DEFENSE BUDGET, MANSFIELD ADDING

THAT CUTBACKS IN EUROPE, SOUTHEAST ASIA AND OKINAWA WERE JUSTIFIED AND THAT OUR MAINTENANCE OF FORCES IS STRETCHED TOO FAR AND TOO WIDE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT COULD CLOSE DOWN A LOT OF THOSE 2,000 OVERSEASE BASES AND SAVE MANY MILLIONS.

4. SOVIET RELATIONS. NYTIMES GWERTZMAN REPORTS KISSINGER-GROMYKO COMMUNIQUE MENTIONED DISCUSSIONS ON MIDEAST AND TRADE AND ADDED THAT BOTH SIDES BELIEVE CSCE SHOULD REACH A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, GWERTZMAN ADDING THAT GENEVA CONFERENCE HAS BEEN BOGGED

DOWN LARGELY OVER SOVIET RESISTANCE TO WESTERN EFFORTS TO GET A STRONGLY WORDED STATEMENT CALLING FOR A FREE EX-CHANGE OF IDEAS AND PEOPLE EAST AND WEST.

4A. WASHPOST MARDER ALSO REPORTED COMMUNIQUE'S MENTION OF MIDEAST AND TRADE, ADDING SPECIAL NOTICE WAS TAKEN OF A LONG-STANDING SOVIET DRIVE TO PRODUCE RESULTS AT CSCE, SAID SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION SHOULD BE REACHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND ADDED THAT QUESTION OF MUTUAL FORCE REDUCTION IN CENTRAL EUROPE WAS TOUCHED ON. ACCORDING MARDER, AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID THE FLEETING TREATMENT OF VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS DOESN'T SIGNIFY ANY LESSENING OF US INTEREST BUT ONLY THAT LESS TIME WAS SPENT DISCUSSING THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

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4B. TUESDAY NYTIMES WREN MOSCOW REPORTED PRAVDA CHARGED THAT THE SMALLER NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROPOSED FOR NATO VIOLATED THE SPIRIT OF NIXON-BREZHNEV AGREEMENT ON PREVENTING NUCLEAR WAR.

5. MBFR. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES EDITORIAL SAYS STIFFENING OF US POSITION AT VIENNA APPEARS TO HAVE RESULTED IN NATO AGREEMENT TO HOLD LINE THERE UNTIL KREMLIN BEGINS TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY ON WESTERN PROPOSALS FOR CUTBACKS LEADING TOWARD MILITARY PARITY IN EUROPE. A STABLE MILITARY BALANCE IN CENTRAL EUROPE UNDOUBTEDLY CAN BE DEvised BUT UNTIL MOSCOW INDICATES A WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE PRESENT IMBALANCE IN GROUND FORCES, THE WEST'S PROPOSALS MUST BE DEFENDED WITH PATIENCE AND PERSISTENCE BOTH IN VIENNA AND WASHINGTON. TIMES SAYS MOSCOW'S ASSUMPTION THAT CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE FOR UNILATERAL AMERICAN TROOP WITHDRAWALS AND FOR CUTS IN DEFENSE BUDGET WOULD LEAD TO WESTERN DISARRAY AT VIENNA FORTUNATELY SEEMS TO BE PROVING WRONG. KISSINGER

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